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Labor and Public Employees Committee

In Favor of Senate Bill 352

I have been a provider in West Haven area for 23 years now and I'm writing in support of S.B.352. I run a very structured program in my daycare. I teach these children to read and write, and they learn their alphabet and numbers. I have allocated music time in their schedule where the children play musical instruments. We also have creative playtime, where the children get to play bingo, work on arts & crafts projects, and we do outdoor activities. In addition to this, I ensure that these children are well fed and also get their nap time.

We invest a lot to keep this daycare running – food, arts/crafts materials, heating, electricity, toys, mats. If Care4Kids subsidy rates continue to remain the same, then we will not be able to provide the standard of care we have been providing. Collective bargaining will ensure that we have a way to address issues in child care and that our voice is heard. Through collective bargaining, the current state of things will change for the better, not just for providers, but also for the children.

Thank you

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